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Deputy Commissioner
Special Branch, SFP

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that my name has been used, without my permission, for a mailing address. This letter is not a complaint, but is sent you for purpose of record only.

I have received an airmail letter from Chungking, addressed to "Mr. A. P. Sampson, room 6, first floor, 19 Avenue Edward VII, Shanghai". This address is that of the Shanghai Evening Post, where I worked until just over a fortnight ago. There is no other Sampson on the Post-Mercury Company staff. As far as I know, rooms are not numbered for address purposes, although the doors may be numbered merely for aiding identification of keys. The subject matter of the letter received concerns me not at all: it is headed "c/o Mr. A. Cecil Taylor, Chungking Hostel, 283 Kuo Fu Road, Chungking, May 4, 1940" and continues:

"Dear Sam, I hope you have received my letter which reached Hongkong after you left, but was forwarded to you. Please bring my letter to Dr. Sellett and take up the matter with him, and let me know the results through your special channels. I hope you will let me know right away what your expenditures would be on your end as I would like to present the whole proposition in concrete form before I take my trip to the South Seas the beginning of June. That means, you must let me know by return mail. With kindest regards, Sincerely yours (signed) Edward."

Putting two and two together, I conclude that this letter was destined for Mr. Sammy Chang, who is a director of the Ta Mei Wan Chinese edition of the Shanghai Evening Post, and who has an office on the first floor of its premises. Mr. Chang, known popularly as Sam or Sammy (as I am, too) recently passed through Hongkong on his way back from Chungking. I gather that the sender is Edward Bing-shuey Lee: I told this suspicion yesterday to Inspector Crawford of your staff when I showed him the letter, and confirmed it in a phone talk to Mr. Randall Gould this morning, who said that Lee was fond of theatrical flourishes of the false moustache type.

I complained to Mr. Gould over this wrongful use of my name and told him that I was sending a copy of the letter to you. Mr. Gould asked me please not to do this, said that I might get Chang into trouble (or words to that effect) and that Chang probably had nothing to do with this use of my name, Lee no doubt being entirely responsible. I told Mr. Gould, nevertheless, that I had a good name in this town, and that I was not going to allow it to be used for any Chungking skulduggery. Mr. Gould said that he would tell Mr. Chang to get in touch with me, and that he would see that my name was not used again.

Mr. Gould's pleas notwithstanding, I am sending you this letter. I have nothing to do with Chungking nor its cash.

Yours faithfully,

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